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Commissioner Foster to speak in Belle Glade

Commissioner Ken Foster will address residents at a meeting set for Saturday, March 28 at 6 p.m. at the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida in the fourth floor conference room.

The event is sponsored by SPAN, Inc., a non-profit organization. Commissioner Foster will discuss plans for the future site of the Pompey 24-hour day care center, located at 800 West Avenue A in Belle Glade.

Anyone interested in attending the event should call 996-7089 during the day or after 3 p.m. call 992-8258 and ask for Gerri Cunningham.

Meeting set to plan Belle Glade's future

Belle Glade City Commissioners will be holding a day-long session on Saturday, March 28 beginning at 9 a.m. to plan the city's future objectives.

City residents are invited to attend the meeting, which will be held in the commission hall. City hall is located in the Municipal Complex next to the Belle Glade Municipal Library.

Mobile Medical Clinic to be at Pahokee Elementary

The Mobile Medical Clinic will be based at Pahokee Elementary School on March 26 and 30 from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

This time is allotted for school physicals and immunizations, as well as sick visits. Parents of children entering school in the fall are welcome to bring their children to complete the health requirements prior to the fall school year.

For further information call the Med-Mobile office at 996-1600.

Cuban dinners offered at Glades Day School

Students in the Glades Day School Safety Patrol will be hosting a Cuban dinner on Saturday, March 21 in Tripp Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinners are \$5 each and will be delivered to customers with large orders. Money raised from the dinner will be used for the safety patrol students annual trip to Washington.

Call 996-4140 for tickets or more information.

Pahokee Main Street plans cleanup

Community volunteers are asked to participate in a general clean up of Pahokee on Saturday, March 21. Volunteers will meet at the chamber of commerce, corner of

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Parents invited to seminar to learn how to help their children succeed in school

Parents in the Glades are invited to a half-day seminar to learn how to become and/or stay involved in their child's education. Glades Parent Day will be Saturday, March 28, in collaboration with Communities In Schools of Palm Beach County, Title I, and the Palm Beach County School District.

Parents will have the opportunity to meet school principals, Title I parent liaisons, migrant worker advocates, and CIS representatives. Community agencies have also been

invited to participate.

Dr. Esther Berry, professor of Social Sciences at Palm Beach Community College and community activist will be the keynote speaker. She will be addressing ways for parents to be involved in their child's education. In addition to the educational seminar, over 500 pairs of new shoes were donated by Noble Shoes of Palm Beach for parents who attend.

Glades Parent Day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.

Glades Afro Arts Festival is this weekend beginning with a parade at 11:30 a.m. and festivities continue at Lake Shore Park beginning at noon.

A few good men...and women, sought to participate in a Citizen Observer Patrol by Belle Glade Police Dept.

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Almost everyone at some time or another, has muttered, "where's a cop when you need one?" On the flip side, police officers often wonder why no one called in when they saw suspicious activity in their neighborhood.

Citizens and officers have an opportunity to form a partnership to fight crime in Belle Glade with the implementation of a new program called C.O.P., which is an acronym for Citizens

Observer Patrol.

Belle Glade's Police Chief Miller says, "We're looking for citizens to help us continue to enhance our partnership with the community."

Citizen volunteers would receive three hours of training and commit to give at least three hours a week to the pro-



gram. The volunteers would ride in pairs in a police car marked "Citizen Observer Patrol" and the car would be equipped with an amber flashing light, a cellular telephone

and a police radio monitor. Volunteer's duties would not include arresting anyone, and no, you can't carry a gun, says

Chief Miller, but by observing and calling in, citizens can help make a difference in the crime rate.

"This core group of about 15 citizens will help us in the community dealing with a wide range of problems," said Chief Miller. "They will be the eyes and ears for the community," he adds.

Sgt. Dan Crist says the program is not new and has been implemented successfully in other towns. "The more input we get from citizens, the more

effective we can be," he noted.

Citizens interested in participating in the program are invited to a meeting April 2 at 7 p.m. at Belle Glade City Hall. In order to become a C.O.P. member, you have to reside in Palm Beach County at least nine months out of the year and be 21 years old or older. Potential participants should bring their Social Security card, drivers license and if you are a naturalized citizen, you must bring your naturalization papers with you.

"No more excuses," proclaims Rosenwald Ele.

By Katrina Elksen
Contributing Editor

They call it "the list."

Administrators, teachers and students are acutely aware of their school's status on the Florida Commissioner of Education's Critical Schools List.

They are embarrassed by the stigma of being on the list. They are working hard to get their schools off the list and keep them off.

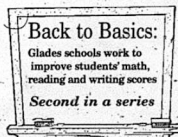
Over the next few weeks, this series in The Sun will look at some of the reasons why Glades area children have scored so poorly on reading, writing and math tests in the past. We'll look at some of the

changes schools have made, and at the progress they have seen from these changes.

We'll also look at ways the Palm Beach County School District, under pressure from the State Department of Education, is now helping the Glades schools get back on track.

The elementary schools in the Glades have taken a "back to basics" approach, stressing the importance of reading, writing and math skills.

School officials say there are no easy answers, no quick fixes. It will take time to get the students up to



national grade level in the basic skills. But they are determined to make sure the students will succeed.

"No more excuses," proclaim the signs at Rosenwald Elementary school.

Rosenwald Elementary has been on the state's critical schools list three years in a row. That means that less than one-third of the school's students are at grade level in

basic reading, writing and math skills.

"People will tell you there's a million reasons the kids in the Glades don't learn," said Principal Barbara Terembes.

None of those reasons are good enough, she said.

Principal Terembes, who took over as interim principal in November of the 1996-97 school year and then was appointed principal at the start of this school year, said the old attitudes and excuses had to go.

"Mediocré is no longer enough," she said. "We want these kids competing nationally. You will always have some students with problems, but there is no

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It's tough getting good teachers in the Glades

By Katrina Elksen
Contributing Editor

Attracting good teachers to the Glades is a challenge. Keeping them can be even harder.

West Palm Beach County Area Superintendent Eugenia Jones said it is not easy to attract good teachers to work in the Glades area schools.

"That's why we're looking at incentives," she said. "Two or three committees are looking at what it would take."

"Budget restraints have affected recruitment in past years," she said.

Dr. Jones said the school system is using some assistant principals as recruiters.

"When you're been in the schools, you know who will work in the schools," she said.

She said they are trying to recruit teachers who will want to stay in the Glades schools.

"We target candidates who want to live in a small town and people who are a good match for our kids, teachers who've had experience working with students who have had problems," she explained.

Dr. Jones said the community has responded to the stronger commitment from the school district. Some community leaders are helping the school system by sharing lists of apartments and housing available for teachers.

She said they also have "negative incentives" for teachers who are not doing well.

"If a teacher is not doing

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IT'S OFF TO WASHINGTON...A group of Safety Patrol students from Rosenwald Elementary posed for this photo last Thursday morning just before leaving for Washington D.C. The students returned on Sunday, tired, but excited about the experiences they shared in our nation's capital.

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Pointers For Parents

Sports Play Critical Role In Child Development And Family Bonding

New Catalog Helps Parents Foster Early Sports Development

(NAPS)—If you're a parent, by now you know how important your child's involvement in sports is to his or her physical development. But, what you may not know is how sports can be central to your child's psychological and social growth, and how they can play a critical role in fostering family bonding. You may also be stymied when it comes to coaching your kids or knowing how to get them involved in sports.

Statistics prove that children who become involved in sports at

an early age are more likely to stay in school and out of trouble, excel professionally, and develop into healthy adults," said Butch Seewagen, founder of CATS (Children's Athletic Training School) and a former professional tennis player. "Girls who participate in sports are less prone to breast cancer."

So, how do parents introduce their children to the rewards of athletic achievement and participation? Thanks to a new catalog—*The Training Camp*—parents can

equip themselves with the skills and gear necessary to make them into full-fledged coaches.

Training Camp is loaded with over 50 pages of sports-related merchandise and information that have been embraced by coaches and institutions. Products include training aids that help develop sport-specific skills; play products that help develop general motor skills and enhance the play experience; equipment that is at the heart of any athletic activity; practical accessories that complement other merchandise; and safety items that protect children while they play sports.

Just in time for beginning of baseball season, parents can reinforce early reading skills, while teaching them about the Great American pastime with the ABC

Book and Sure-Catch Mitt and Ball Set. Children can learn to play their parents' favorite game with *Golf's Junior Start Right Kit*. And, kids can learn the fundamentals of swimming with the *Jr. Safety Training Kit*.

Training Camp is also packed with books and videos that teach parents how to coach their kids for maximum benefit. For example, *The Training Camp Guide to Sports Parenting* book—authored by noted psychologist and sports journalist Rick Wolff—helps parents encourage their children's development on and off the field. *Let's Play Golf* is a set of two instructional videos that features tips from former PGA touring pros. And, the *Swim, Play and Learn* video helps parents teach the fundamentals of water-sports.

Training Camp began to take shape as I watched my three-year old hit golf balls one day," said Warren Struhl, president and ceo of Genesis Direct, the company that markets *Training Camp*. "Other parents asked how I'd approached teaching my child the fundamentals of golf. They seem frustrated by not knowing how to get their child on the road, to the rewards of athletic participation. Until *Training Camp*, there was no place parents could turn for the tools they need to motivate and instruct their children."

Training Camp is available by calling 1-800-ATHLETE or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.thetrainingcamp.com>.

Chill Out With A Fruit Smoothie



When temperatures climb, chill out with a frosty fruit smoothie that's low in fat and big on flavor.

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Because it's the "heart of the wheat," wheat germ is a concentrated source of many essential nutrients, including vitamin E and folic acid. An added benefit is wheat germ's naturally nutty flavor and appealing crunch.

This smoothie is easy to customize by varying the flavor of the yogurt and the juice. Try peach yogurt and apricot nectar or strawberry yogurt and cranberry juice; then create your own tasty combos.

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1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Place all ingredients in blender container; cover. Blend on high speed about 1 minute until smooth. Sprinkle with additional wheat germ before serving, if desired. **2 Servings**

*For a thicker shake, cover and freeze banana slices overnight.
Nutrition Information (per serving):
Calories 280, Total Fat 2g, Saturated Fat 0g, Cholesterol less than 5mg, Sodium 100mg, Dietary Fiber 3g.

TIPS ON TRIPS

A Glittering City

(NAPS)—Rich contrasts of culture, architecture and history contribute to the beauty of downtown Richmond and make it a must-see stop on any trip to Virginia.



Richmond, Virginia, has a wealth of museums and historical locations, many of which dress up for the holidays.

One of the best times to enjoy the Old Dominion's capital city is when it's dressed up for the holidays. For the month-long seasonal festival called Reindeer Days, the city glitters with lights like an urban Disneyland. Twinkling lights outline skyscrapers and transform plazas into winter wonderlands.

What better way to see these dazzling displays and the historic downtown area than on the Reindeer Days Express Trolleys that run on weekends during Reindeer Days?

Lovers of holidays past can stroll through the historic Court End neighborhood, home to such national treasures as the John Marshall House, St. John's Church, the Valentine Museum and the Museum of the Confederacy.

A number of historic houses are decorated for the season, including the Governor's Mansion, home to Virginia's governors for more than 150 years.

The fourth annual African-American Christmas Celebration at the Black History Museum and Maggie L. Walker House in African-American holiday traditions.

For history lovers, combining a trip to Richmond with a visit to nearby Colonial Williamsburg can be a winning combination.

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HEALTH WATCH

Just how safe is the food you eat?

A healthier life ...

By Katrina Elksen

You try to eat a balanced diet with plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and lean meat. But does the food you are bringing home hold hidden dangers of pesticides and bacteria? And just what can you do to ensure your family's food really is safe to eat?

"Diet for a Poisoned Planet," by David Steinman, answers some of these questions.

Mr. Steinman, a journalist, conducted an intensive study of foods grown and sold in the United States following the discovery of high levels of DDT and PCB in his own blood.

He maintains that environmental contaminants could be to blame for the high rates of cancer in this country. He notes that according to the National Cancer Institute, between 1950 and 1985, cancer incidence among children under the age of 15 increased 32 percent. (Exposure to toxic chemicals in the womb can contribute to childhood cancer.) During that same time frame, cases of urinary bladder cancer increased 51 percent. (Scientists have linked increased incidence to exposure to toxic chemicals in contaminated tap water.) Reports of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, linked with pesticide exposures, rose by 123 percent. Hodgkin's disease, also linked in a European study with agricultural chemicals, increased in incidence 24 percent.

Mr. Steinman also notes that, according to the Surgeon General's 1988 "Report on Nutrition and Health," as many as 10,000 cancer deaths annually could be caused by chemical additives in food, such as flavor enhancers and preservatives.

While the statistics seem pretty depressing, Mr. Steinman offers some common sense suggestions for eating healthier.

- Eat fruits and vegetables that are locally grown. Best bets are farmer's markets and U-Pick farms. Produce grown outside the United States may be exposed to chemicals not allowed in this country. South of the border, it is not unusual for crops to be irrigated with water that contains untreated

sewage. While there are rules for imported food, there are so few government inspectors that contaminated produce can easily slip through. The one excep-



Katrina Elksen

tion to this rule is bananas. Bananas have routinely tested as safe, no matter where they come from. This could be because they are protected by their tough peel. Just make sure you wash them before you cut the peel. Your knife you carry bacteria from the skin to the fruit.

- Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly before cutting or peeling. Even if you plan to discard the peel, your knife can carry contaminants from the peel to the fruit.

- Watch out for fruits and vegetables that have been "waxed." Wax is used to help preserve fruits and vegetables and to make them look nicer. But the wax can also absorb chemical toxins. If you buy waxed produce, wash it and then peel it. Don't eat the peel.

- Remove outer leaves of leafy vegetables such as lettuce and cabbage. These are more likely to have been exposed to pesticides.

- Try to buy raisins and peanuts that have been organically grown. According to Mr. Steinman's book, commercially-grown raisins tested in 16 samples showed up to 110 industrial chemicals. Peanuts also test very high for contaminants. He noted that some major distributors are switching to organically-grown products. Check the labels.

- Beware of pre-cut fresh fruits and vegetables. Oxidation occurs when produce is cut and nutrients are lost in the process. Cutting also increases the chance of contamination.

- When preparing chicken or turkey, always remove the skin

and the fat just under the skin. This will reduce the exposure to any contaminants since they tend to concentrate in the skin and fat.

- Mr. Steinman's studies found that many game meats such as alligator, frog's legs and escargot are quite pure and pose virtually no cancer risks. Wild duck, goshawk, rabbit and buffalo is also considered safe. However, pregnant women should avoid eating alligator meat from Florida because it may contain high levels of methyl-mercury.

- Look for the leanest cuts of beef and pork and trim fat from the meat. Not only does this reduce the cholesterol levels in your food, it can also reduce levels of contaminants. Toxins can be stored in the fat.

- If you eat ham, try to eat it only on special occasions. Cured ham contains high levels of nitrates which can form dangerous cancer-causing nitrosamines in the human body.

According to the book, some of the safest foods to eat include: oranges, corn, roasted chicken, skim milk, low-fat yogurt and canned spaghetti.

Some of the most dangerous foods cited were: fast-food hamburgers; bacon; bologna; catfish from rivers in Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin (farm-raised catfish is all right); frozen pizza; and, frozen French fries.

"Diet for a Poisoned Planet," and other books about nutrition and health are available at the Belle Glade Public Library.

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CHILDREN'S HEALTH CORNER



By Faye Brandenburg

Your son sits down to start his homework, but his attention is distracted when he sees his puppy sleeping next to the door. He watches the puppy for a few minutes, then he jumps up to play with one of his toys, then on the way back to work on his homework, he sees something else to do. Why can't he sit still long enough to finish a task? His short attention span may seem like the biggest problem in the world. There are ways to help your child focus better.

Talk to your child's teacher. If a child's attention problems occur only at school, there may be a teacher problem. If this is the case, arrange a conference with the teacher to discuss the problem and possible solutions. A child who's easily distracted will be able to focus on school work or other tasks more easily and for longer periods if his desk chair faces a wall rather than an open room or window. At home, cut a large piece of cardboard into a shape like a picture frame and place it around the "attention area" on the table or desk where the child does his homework. Tell him to look inside the picture frame to do his work. This will help him concentrate.

If the problem occurs only at home, it could be a reaction to home stressors. If you see distractibility, overactivity and impulsiveness in your child, and you're going through a separation, divorce or other troubling times, the behavior might be temporary. Consider increasing the time you spend with your child to give him opportunities to express his feelings to you.

If your child is inattentive

and easily distracted, but not overactive or impulsive, consider having him screened for hearing problems or auditory processing problems, suggests Philip Colazzo, M.D., a pediatrician at the Family Care Center in Belle Glade. "Though he may hear you, it's possible that all the information he's hearing isn't reaching his brain effectively," he says. "Provide positive directions. Instead of telling your child what not to do, tell him what to do. Don't say 'Take your feet off the chair,' instead, say 'Put your feet on the floor.' Otherwise, the child may remove his feet from the chair but do something equally distracting, such as putting his feet on the bookcase."

Have patience with your inattentive child, he may be doing his best. Many children have trouble starting a task and sticking to it. This is not behavior which they can easily control or stop, just because you repeatedly tell them to. Child development experts often recommend ignoring your child when his behavior is something you don't like but can tolerate. Eventually, your child will stop the troublesome behavior because he's not getting any attention for it. "The trick is to always pay attention to your child when he stops the behavior you don't like and starts the behavior you do like," says pediatrician, Rebecca Abu.

Dr. Philip Colazzo says, "While research findings don't thoroughly condemn sugar, parents should consider cutting down on their child's intake of sugar. Some research has shown that giving a high-protein food can block the effect of sugar in children sensitive to it. So if your child eats a sugary

meal such as pancakes and syrup, supply a protein source such as yogurt, peanut butter, eggs or cheese."

Most young children are naturally active and may be unable to pay attention to a single task for a long period of time. However, some children who are consistently hyperactive should be evaluated for possible Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Some of the behaviors, if they occur excessively, which may indicate the early signs of an ADD problem are fidgeting with hands and feet, talking frequently and loudly, difficulty remaining seated, easily distracted, short attention span and flits from activity to activity, trouble waiting his turn, intrudes or acts bossy with other children or acts impulsively.

Some ADD traits, such as impulsiveness, hyperactivity and difficulty paying attention to routine activities, are not always liabilities, points out Dr. Colazzo, and can be effectively managed by parents and teachers with guidance from a professional. If your child is having difficulties in these areas, you may want to consider having your child evaluated. As always, when in doubt, contact your physician and remember, children are special.



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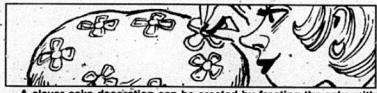
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Officer left out of praise

"I'm concerned about this article you had in your Feb. 26 paper. It's about the sheriff's department employee who dove in and helped this Rev. Saulsby when his car went into the canal.

I'd like to know why the sheriff's department seemed to get all the credit when FHP Trooper Gary Paleveda also jumped in the water and helped rescue the guy. It's good that this woman helped this guy, but others deserve credit for it also. Trooper Paleveda is up for an award for what he did. I'd just like to have an answer to this question. Thank you."

Editor's note: Deputy Paula Kronsperger was quick to acknowledge others also helped in the rescue effort when we contacted her for the story. Bystander Kelly Woodson let us know about Deputy Kronsperger's part in the rescue effort. Thank you for letting our readers know about Trooper Paleveda's part in the rescue. Even though Rev. Saulsby died in the accident, family members can take comfort in knowing every effort was made to save him.

Due to a transcribing error, we managed to delete several **Speak Out** calls this week before they were typeset. We encourage those who called this week to try again. We will run your calls in next week's edition.

'He ain't heavy, he's my brother'



**Father Val Peter
Boys Town**

How far back does the practice of humans helping one another go?

Rene Dubos, in his book, "Beast or Angel," shows that as far back as 50,000 years ago, during Neanderthal times, there is evidence of charity or humanity or just simply one human being helping another.

He says that, for example, in the Shanidar Cave in Iraq, a 50,000-year-old skeleton of an adult male has been found. This ancient human being was probably born blind and one of his arms had been amputated above the elbow early in life. The cave wall had collapsed and caused his death. He was about 40 years old at the time of his death and must have been incapable of fending for himself during much of his lifetime.

It seems reasonable to say that this man was cared for by members of his own clan. That's another way of saying: Helping one another is what it means to be human.

The author gives another example of one of the first Neanderthal skeletons discovered in Europe. It was a man about 50 years old who had suffered from extensive arthritis. His disease was so severe that he must have been unable to hunt or engage in other strenuous

activities, and so he depended for his survival upon the care and the welfare of people around him.

Idea not new

So it wasn't Boys Town's Father Flanagan who discovered the idea: "He ain't heavy, he's my brother." It's been around for thousands and thousands of years.

But you know what? Our brothers and sister have burdens today and they desperately need us and me to help them carry those burdens. So it isn't something from ancient times, it is something right in our own time.

Go out today and help one person carry their burdens, whether by visiting someone in an old folks home or writing a letter or making a phone call.

The places we live can be special places because there are special people like you who live there and who make life special for your brothers and sisters. Father Flanagan didn't waste a lot of time thinking about these things, he went out and helped kids who were in need. Let's follow his good example this day.

(Father Peter is executive director of Boys Town, the famous home for troubled boys and girls in Boys Town, Nebraska and in Florida, New York, Louisiana, Texas, Nevada, Rhode Island, Iowa, California, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia.)

Editors note: The POLICE NEWS in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.



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Letter to the editor

Looking for an American experience

Dear Editor:

Each year at this time volunteers begin their search for host families in the community to open their homes and their hearts to a foreign student for a year or a semester. Each year it seems to become more and more difficult to find families to share their lives with a foreign high school student.

These students come over and not only share five and 10 months with their families, but also share with their schools and communities the knowledge and culture of their home lands. Students from across the world bring into our everyday lives a different perspective and outlook on life. Many of these students are from war torn countries that are experiencing the beginnings of democracy, others are from countries that have given us a view of cultures that helped shape our American history.

As a manager for a foreign exchange group, The Council for Educational Travel, I have been amazed at the various questions that are asked of our students in the schools. Questions like "is Sweden near Africa?", "do they have spot lights in Japan?", "what do Russians wear to bed?"

By bringing a foreign student into your home, you not only educate your children, but you also expose the schools and community to a valuable education that can not be taught in books. Many of our children in America will never have the opportunity to travel outside of their own area. This is a great way to bring the world to your family without even leaving your home.

Foreign students want to come to America to learn about our culture and background. They want to live with a family to learn about family activities and learn about America. By becoming an active member of the family, they will see America as we see America. The freedoms we experience daily do not go unnoticed. Many students who come over to study want to experience smaller town living, especially here in Florida. Students are constantly amazed at the friendliness and the acceptance they feel in smaller towns. One student wrote "I thought I would hate being in a small town. Now I want to raise my children in a rural community and share with them the closeness of neighbors and friends." Whether we live in a large city or small town, sharing a part of America with a teenage exchange student can be fun and exciting as well as rewarding and educational.

Governor Chiles has designated March as "International Student Awareness" month in Florida, and I would welcome the opportunity to share more information with community members about becoming a host family for an international exchange student. I can be reached toll free at 1-888-523-8872 or you can write to the CETUSA Florida Office: 8888 NW 1st, Coral Springs, Florida, 33071.

**Joan Soderqvist
Manager CETUSA Florida
High School Exchange Program**

UF law student examines legalities of broken engagements

By Karen Meisenheimer
University of Florida News

The engagement was back on. She was certain it would all work out this time. She had the rock to prove it - an opulent, \$21,000 commitment - glinting on her finger. Roger couldn't back out again.

Roger did back out, but this time Janis was holding on to the ring. She wasn't about to give up a girl's best friend twice. She ended up in court.

Not the typical Valentine's Day love story but one a University of Florida law student examined while researching the legal perspective of broken engagements.

Second-year law student Michael Moore and UF law Professor Nancy Dowd concluded from the research that the laws should be reformed to reflect more balance in the value assigned to what each partner receives from the other.

"In most cases, the man will get the ring back," Mr. Moore said. "The problem with the existing law over broken engagements is that women are generally denied the right to claim monetary damages because expenses and sacrifices they make for the relationship are typically not valued."

In the Pennsylvania case of Roger and Janis, Roger prevailed on appeal, and Janis was ordered to return the diamond. Even though it was Roger who called off the wedding, the appellate court determined that an engagement ring is a conditional gift.

"Where the marriage does not ensue, the donee of an engagement ring is not entitled to keep the ring," the Pennsylvania court wrote in its ruling.

Lawsuits over broken engagements became popular in Revolutionary America. Mr. Moore said. But in the 1930s, several states began enacting "heart balm" statutes, which deny people the right to sue over a broken engagement.

In other words, the state says the heart can heal without recourse to the courts. Mr. Moore said, citing social commentators' and legal experts' opinions, and that had a lot to do with status of women and the changing sexual mores in society.

Modern-day court actions over the recovery of a \$40,000 or \$60,000 engagement ring are a dif-

ferent story, he said. They deal more with economic value than broken hearts.

"The law is not very well-defined in this area because so few cases reach the appellate courts," Mr. Moore said. "Most people work these things out outside of the courtroom because the expense of the suit can well exceed the value of the ring."

Mr. Moore said cases that do end up in court, usually come down to the issue of unjust enrichment, meaning it's not fair to let the ring recipient keep the rock if no marriage occurs.

"The engagement ring is recoverable, but little else is," he said.

Consider the case of Dale and Donald:

At one point during their eight years of living together, Donald bought Dale a diamond engagement ring. When Donald moved to attend graduate school, Dale joined him and handled the household duties, including cooking, laundry, ironing, cleaning and taking care of Donald's children from a previous relationship.

Donald ended his relationship with Dale and sued her for recovery of the ring.

In a countersuit filed by Dale, she submitted a monetary value for her years of domestic service to Donald. At \$6 an hour, the total came to \$25,000. Again, the court of appeals sided with the ring-giver, saying Dale's contributions had no market value.

Professor Dowd said cases involving engagement rings are heavily gender-laden.

"Most people understand the ring as a gift," Professor Dowd said. "No one says, 'I'm going to give you this ring, and if we don't go through with the wedding, I get it back.' That's not the way it's portrayed in the diamond ads."

Mr. Moore said until there are more opportunities for people to recover other expenditures, nobody should be allowed to recover anything.

"While men buy engagement rings in contemplation of marriage, women typically make sacrifices in other ways," Mr. Moore wrote in his paper. "Unfortunately, courts have fallen into a pattern where men are permitted to recover engagement rings, or their worth, while women are not permitted to recover anything for performing household tasks or purchasing items in contemplations of marriage."



EXEMPLAR DEGREES GIVEN... Laverne Motes (left) and Greadle York (right) received the rituals for the Exemplar Degree for Xi Zeta Mu in February. The meeting was held at the home of Karen Corbin.

Two receive Exemplar Degrees

Xi Zeta Mu held their February meeting at the home of Karen Corbin with Laverne Motes as co-hostess. St. Patrick's Day was the theme for the evening. Pat McKee presented the program. It was about naming candy bars.

Rituals were held for the Exemplar Degree for Laverne Motes and Greadle York, representing four years in the chapter. After the rituals, guests Micah Corbin and Dr. Lourdes Zeno showed a display of the embossed cards their chapter is selling.

Perfect attendance pins were given to the following individuals: Karen Corbin - 12 years; Linda McMillan - 10 years; Judy McMillan - 8 years; Laura Mae Enfinger - 6 years; Greadle York - 4 years; Janise Goforth - 2 years. Laurel Tarr received her pledge pin. Merelyne Cochran won the gift raffle.

The social for the month was an anniversary luncheon at Binks Forest Country Club followed by a movie.

The organization's "Girl of the Year" affair will be held March 21 at the home of Laura Mae Enfinger.

Those attending the February meeting were: Florence Acree, Sandra Chamblee, Karen Corbin, Laura Mae Enfinger, Pat McKee, Linda McMillan, Judy McMillan, Laverne Motes, Sara Nell Phillips, Gloria Swager, Laurel Tarr, and Greadle York.

Pot Luck in the Muck is set for May 23

The organizers of the play *Pot Luck in the Muck* are busy collecting stories from local Glades residents. Since January a large number of people from this area have been interviewed and their stories collected on tape. These interviews are then transcribed to paper.

Approximately 30 people have been trained in story gathering. Cast members of the folk play *Swamp Gravy* came to Belle Glade in January to train local residents in the art of gathering stories.

Jo Carson, who wrote the play for *Swamp Gravy*, will be visiting the area in April to learn about the Glades. Copies of transcripts have already been sent to Ms. Carson. It is her job to translate our stories into a play called *Pot Luck in the Muck*.

Richard Geer, professional director and producer, will arrive in May to begin rehearsals for the play. Ken Jackson, with Street Beat, will coordinate the music.

Funding for this endeavor has been received from the MacArthur Foundation. Additional funding is being sought for the costumes, lighting, and stage set.

The Glades Community Development Corporation is the sponsoring organization for this project. Anyone interested in more information concerning the play, which is set for May 23, should call 992-9500 or Jeannette Dexter at 996-3566.

The project is in desperate need of people who would volunteer to transcribe tapes of the interviews. Please call either of the above numbers to assist.

March 9- Brian Cammader, 26, battery on a correction officer.

March 10- Willie A Dennard, 36, violation of probation and driving without a driver's license; Juvenile, 17, pick up order by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

March 11- No arrests made.

March 12- Juvenile, 17, grand theft and resisting arrest without violence.

March 13- John Earl Jackson Jr., 18, domestic battery.

March 14- No arrests made.

March 15- Lirea Etienne, 21, attempted first degree murder and criminal mischief; Irene Vereen, 43, disorderly conduct; Bernard Durham, 18, aggravated battery.

March 16- Possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Juvenile, 17, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Carmen Camacho, 25, domestic battery; Juvenile, 17, aggravated battery.

March 17- Isac Byrd, 53, burglary; Jessie Christler, 46, loitering and prowling; Robert Hicks, 35, trespassing; Antonio Banister, 23, contempt of court.

March 18- Willie Barnes, 20, contempt of court; Corey Burroughs, 26, battery; Juvenile, 11, discharging a fire extinguisher; burglary; Juvenile, 13, burglary and discharging a fire extinguisher; Juvenile, 15, domestic battery and resisting an officer without violence.

March 19- Lirea Etienne, 21, attempted first degree murder and criminal mischief; Irene Vereen, 43, disorderly conduct; Bernard Durham, 18, aggravated battery.

March 20- No arrests made.

March 21- Christopher O. Wilson, 23, trespassing and warrant for contempt of court.

March 22- Juvenile, 15, carrying a concealed weapon.

March 23- John E. Knight, 31, felony retail theft; James M. Gordon, 35, burglary, two counts of grand theft and uttering a forged document.

March 24- Juvenile, 14, aggravated domestic battery and domestic assault.

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Belle Glade Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 665 complaints, worked 18 crime scenes and gave 20 traffic citations the week of March 9-15. Those arrested included:

March 9- Juvenile, 14, grand theft of a firearm and grand theft; Juvenile, 15, two counts of burglary; Juvenile, 16, two counts of burglary of a dwelling and petty theft.

March 10- Juvenile, 15, molesting a vending machine; Stafford Everett, 38, retail theft; Roosevelt Robinson, 35, burglary of a dwelling, grand theft, failure to appear and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

March 11- Temisha Kelly, 24, retail theft; Nicole King, 22, violation of probation; Juvenile, 16, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Juvenile, 17, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Carmen Camacho, 25, domestic battery; Juvenile, 17, aggravated battery.

Pahokee Police Dept. arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 11 arrests the week of March 9-15. Those arrested included:

March 9- Lovie Ann Coleman, 40, obsession of open alcoholic beverages.

March 10- No arrests made.

March 11- Christopher O. Wilson, 23, trespassing and warrant for contempt of court.

March 12- Juvenile, 15, carrying a concealed weapon.

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Military News

Army Reserve Pfc. Willie A. Whitfield has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Whitfield is the son of Maggie Henderson and James Whitfield of Pahokee.

His wife, Crystal, is the daughter of Aralena Pugh of Birmingham, Ala.

In 1986, he graduated from

Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Army Spec. Augustine Aguirre has arrived for duty in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Aguirre is an administration specialist-postal clerk with the 90th Postal Company.

He is the son of Juan R. and Jeronima G. Aguirre of Pahokee.

His wife, Rosa, is the daughter of Reinaldo and Esther Moreno of Clewiston.

Augustine is a 1989 graduate of Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.



Francesca Alicia Howard and Anthony J. Robinson

Howard and Robinson



TO wed



Francesca Alicia Howard and Anthony Jerome Robinson, both of Clewiston, will like to announce their engagement. They plan to be married Saturday, March 21, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Clewiston.

The bride is the daughter of Jean Carney and the late Earl Carney of Clewiston.

The groom is the son of James Robinson, Jr. and

Gloria Williams of Clewiston.

Francesca is currently attending school to earn a CDA degree and Anthony is employed with US Sugar Corporation in Clewiston.



Sorority News

The Nu Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its March meeting at the home of Becky White. Members present were Elizabeth Harrington, Betty Hodges, Marsha Smith and Julie Zamory.

The sisters had refreshments and then traveled together to visit one of the members who had recently undergone surgery. They returned and held their monthly meeting fol-

lowed by a program with features designed to promote relaxation and reduce stress such as lavender fragrances, candles and potted spring flowers. Fund raising projects were discussed and plans continued regarding the Black Gold Jubilee.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Julie Zamory in Wellington.

Belle Glade student named to Dean's List



Pam Rajendran

Pam Rajendran, a resident of Belle Glade, has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

Boston University is the third largest independent university in the United States, with an enrollment of nearly 30,000 students in its 15 schools and colleges. The University offers an exceptional grounding in the liberal arts, a broad range of programs in the arts, engineering, science and professional areas, and state-of-the-art facilities for teaching and research. Located in the heart of a city rich in cultural and intellectual attractions, the University is one of the nation's preeminent institutions of higher learning.

Homecoming Celebration

The Homecoming Celebration will kick-off with its annual parade that will begin at 10 a.m. We would also like to have one of your church's club/board participate with a marching entry or float entry.

Harry Gordon, minister, will be the guest speaker.

For more information call Alma Sanders (Coordinator) 561-996-7751 or Barbara Romero (Parade Coordinator) 561-996-2156

Farm Service Agency offers disaster assistance to farmers

Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Kevin L. Kelley has announced that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now offering Federal disaster assistance to eligible family farmers in 6 Florida counties. The primary counties are: Broward, Dade and Monroe. The contiguous counties are: Collier, Hendry and Palm Beach. These counties were designated as a major disaster area by President Clinton based on damages and losses resulting from severe storms, high winds, tornadoes and flooding which occurred on February 2 and 4, 1998. Eligible farmers may qualify for Emergency loan assistance, pursuant to the provisions of the "Emergency Agricultural Credit Act of 1984" (Public Law 98-258). Emergency loan applications will be received through October 9, 1998.

Farmers and ranchers in the above counties who sustained physical and production losses as a result of the disaster may be eligible to receive an Emergency loan from the Farm Service Agency. Those farmers and ranchers who wish to apply for an Emergency loan to assist them in recovering from the loss resulting from this disaster may apply for such a loan at the following

FSA offices: Dade/Monroe 15600 SW 288 Street, Suite 406, Homestead, FL 33093; Hendry/Collier - 622 W. Sugarland Hwy., Clewiston, FL 33440; Palm Beach/Broward - 2976 State Road 15 (US 441) Belle Glade, FL 33430.

Individual examination will be made of each application to determine the type of Emergency loan benefits for which the applicant is eligible. Farm Emergency loans may include funds to repair or restore damaged farm property as well as reimburse applicants for expenses already incurred for such purposes. Loans based on qualifying production losses may include funds to reimburse applicants for production expenses which went into damaged or destroyed crop and livestock enterprises and to produce new crops. Payment terms depend on the purposes for which the loan is used and the applicant's ability to repay the loan.

The Emergency loan program is limited to family-size farm operators. The loan amount is limited to eighty percent of the calculated actual production loss and 100 percent of the actual physical loss. The loan amount is further limited to \$500,000 total emergency loan indebtedness.

Linda Sue Burleson, age 46, of Canal Point passed away suddenly and peacefully March 7, 1998 at Glades General Hospital in Belle Glade.

She is survived by fiancé - Peter-T. Wessel of Canal Point; sister - Jeannette Houghton of Groton, Vermont; son - Charles Schmidt III of Lake Worth;

daughter - Michelle Chapple of Harrisburg, Arkansas; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 14 at Lakeside Baptist Church in Pahokee, with Rev. Ted Hines officiating.

Lightning...predictable or not?



Mike Lyons

Where were you when the lights went out? That was a common question on the night of July 13, 1977, the night a lightning bolt sent New York City into darkness.

It seemed like a typical summer thunderstorm, until a rogue bolt struck a major power line, turning off the lights in the city that never sleeps. Damage from the lightning strike was minor, but the night of losing that followed cost nearly one billion dollars. It is one of lightning's greatest hits-one bolt of electricity that will be remembered for years to come.

One bolt out of millions of thunderbolts that strike the Earth each year. Right now, for example, around 2,000 thunderstorms are rumbling throughout the world, producing an average of 100 lightning flashes each second.

All those flashes cause all sorts of problems-forest fires, house fires, electrical outages, and injuries and death. Lightning is one of the world's deadliest weather phenomena, often killing more people than hurricanes and tornadoes combined.

Here in Florida, lightning is our biggest weather problem. In 1997, 8 people were killed and 53 injured by lightning. Damage from lightning last year was \$2.8 billion, but the National Weather Service believes actual damage costs are much higher.

While meteorologists can predict a stormy day, no one can tell us where a lightning bolt will strike next. At least, not yet. NASA is currently working

on a project that may dramatically improve lightning prediction.

NASA's Lightning Image Sensor has been orbiting the Earth on board a satellite since last Thanksgiving. The data it is sending back may lay the groundwork for a future space-based lightning detector that could deliver lightning information to weather forecasters within 30 seconds of occurrence.

At present, the Lightning Image Sensor is recording both cloud-to-ground and cloud-to-cloud lightning discharges all around the world. The data will be used to determine significant meteorological information, including lightning flash rates, storm motion and storm evolution.

"It will help us to better understand the Earth's atmosphere," said Dr. Hugh J. Christian of NASA. "Lightning contains far more information than just electricity. It tells us where strong storms are occurring and where large quantities of water are growing in the atmosphere."

The Lightning Image Sensor is part of NASA's Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission and has been detecting lightning strikes and severe storms over tropical regions during the winter months. The sensor is expected to remain in operation for three more years, collecting data on worldwide data distribution.

One the information is amassed, NASA and the meteorological community will go to work on improving lightning detection and prediction. It could mean a giant leap forward in lightning protection-including fewer injuries and deaths.

Back in 1977, the lightning bolt that sent New York City into darkness was a complete surprise. If NASA's Lightning Image Sensor project is successful, lightning may become much more predictable.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

Donnie,
Well done good and
faithful servant

Grandma
&
Grandpa

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50 Yard Dash winners - 1st row - Wayne Johnson, Kasey Graham, Vionni Brown, Shanice Walker, Richard Johnson, 2nd row - Onesimos Foster, Renee Edwards, Venise Woods, Mario Perez



Jump Rope for Heart - Sgt. Curtis Stambaugh, of the Belle Glade Police Department, and the jump rope participants.

Cat Talk from



Spaghetti dinner
Gove Elementary's P.T.O. and the Student Council are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on March 26 between 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$5 and can be purchased from the Family Center. **HOPE YOU CAN COME!**

Results of the American Cardiac Express

Field Days were a great success this school term. Students learned about prevention of heart disease as well as geographical terms as they blasted off to Alaska to create igloos or to Hawaii for the crab cage ball. It was a fun learning experience for all!

Following are the winning classes per grade:

Sportsmanship - Mrs. Smith (Pre-K), Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Skeberis (Kindergarten), Ms. Salazar and Mrs. Puc (First grade), Mrs. Alvarez and Mrs. White

White (Second grade), Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Aguirre (Third grade), Ms. Prisco (Fourth grade), Mrs. Miller (Fifth grade)

Spirit - Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Smith-Adams (Pre-K), Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Abiega (Kindergarten), Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Spotts (First grade), Ms. Balbi and Mrs. Valiente (Second grade), Mrs. Bratt and Mrs. Wilson (Third grade), Mrs. Rayburn (Fourth grade), Mr. Williams (Fifth grade)

Basketball Teacher event - Mrs. Johnson (Pre-K), Mrs. McCoy and Mrs. Abiega (Kindergarten), Ms. Velasco (First grade), Mrs. Aguirre (Second grade), Ms. Reyes (Third grade), Mr. Sojoodi (Fourth grade), Mrs. Butts (Fifth grade)

All Star Class - Mrs. Davis (Pre-K), Mrs. Mapp and Mrs. Kirchman (Kindergarten), Mrs. Sanchez and Ms. Velasco (First grade), Mrs. Aguirre and Ms. Miranda (Second grade), Mrs. C. Davis (Fourth grade)

50 Yard Dash - First grade - Michelle Allen, Jennifer Cavaza, Nathaniel Padgett and Jarrett Swaby; Second grade - Shanice Walker and Richard Johnson; Third grade - Kasey Graham and Wayne Johnson; Fourth grade - Onesimos Foster and Renee Edwards; Fifth grade - Mario Perez and Venise Woods.

Special thanks goes to Burger King and Wendy's for their much appreciated donations.

Jump Rope for Heart was also a great success. Over \$2,000 was raised for such a worthy cause. Stay healthy. **EAT RIGHT AND EXERCISE!**

Special thanks to the Belle Glade Police Department for their assistance.

Glades Day Gator Tales

Glades Day faculty and students are gearing up for the annual Spring Fling fund raiser to take place this weekend.

The elementary is sponsoring a variety show that will feature the singing, dancing and acting talents of elementary and junior high students. Elementary principal Mrs. Karen McDermott reports that approximately 20 acts are scheduled for the program. The event, which will take place in Tripp Hall, begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The Ninth Annual Scramble Golf Tournament begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. Tee-off time is at 9 a.m. Please sign up by calling the golf course's Pro Shop at 996-6605, or arrive by 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

The elementary Safety Patrol is sponsoring a Cuban dinner from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday at the school's Tripp Hall. Tickets are \$5 and will entitle you to a dinner of pork, black beans and rice, salad, bread and dessert. Those who eat in will also receive a free drink.

Sorry, drinks are not available for take-out.

It's the odd years vs the even years when the Alumni Baseball game takes place Sunday afternoon on the Gator's baseball diamond. This "friendly" competition seems to produce better games each year as each group fights for bragging rights to that year's victory. Come on out and watch the action, which starts at 2 p.m. However, players may want to arrive earlier for some batting practice, and to stretch those muscles!

Also, anyone interested in buying a chance to win a SEA DOO (with trailer) for the Spring Fling drawing that will take place during Sunday's Alumni Baseball game may do so by contacting the school's finance office (996-6029) or one of the members of the Board of Trustees. Only 500 tickets are being sold @ \$50 each, with the last number drawn from the barrel declared the winner.

Students will be hammering it up for the camera this Thursday, March 19, when the video representative returns to tape more

footage for the video yearbook. We will be shooting students in grades 9-12 and some elementary on this day. Also, anyone who would like to contribute a funny or embarrassing moment, or would like to tip some to a particular song may do so by notifying yearbook advisor Karen Hansford or video editors Kristy Perez and Brooke Prescott.

Congratulations are in order for a couple of GDS students who have earned honors this past week.

First of all, kudos to junior Donnie Scruggs, who made it all the way to fifth place in the state wrestling tournament last week in Lakeland! We are proud of you! Also, junior Dena Wood won the title of Miss Hendry County at Clevelston's beauty pageant last Friday evening, the second student from GDS to do so in two consecutive years. Nicole Rivas won the crown last year. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

REMINDER TO PARENTS: Monday, March 23, is a holiday for the students due to a Teachers' Workshop Day.



HELPING GDS STUDENTS RAISE MONEY....These parents were working at a yard sale recently to help the junior class at Glades Day School raise money for an after-prom party this year. Shown, from left are: Carol Lamb, Sharon Bumgartner, Beverly Garrett and Chris Hamilton.



The many faces of recycling

They are at different stages of life and may be motivated to recycle for different reasons. But the results are the same. Everyone in Palm Beach County can recycle right and the Solid Waste Authority is here to help. If you live in an apartment, townhouse or condominium, we can offer tips on how to make recycling easier. For example, if you can't recycle all items accepted, try recycling one or two items—such as aluminum and newspaper. And take your corrugated cardboard to one of our free recycling drop-offs.



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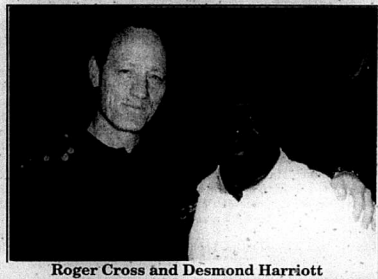
PALM BEACH COUNTY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Department of Housing and Community Development will be opening its application list for property owners who wish to participate in its Housing Rehabilitation Program. Names will be accepted from property owners who are:

1. Low and moderate income households.
2. Owner occupants of properties containing one to four dwelling units.
3. Owners of properties located in unincorporated Palm Beach County, or within the municipal limits of Atlantis, Golfview, Greenacres, Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, Hypoluxo, Juno Beach, Jupiter, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Lantana, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach, South Bay, South Palm Beach, Tequesta, Wellington.

Telephone calls will be accepted beginning 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 1998 at (561) 233-3624. Callers will be asked to provide their name, address, and phone number so they may be contacted for an appointment to submit complete documentation for eligibility determination. Calls will be taken until 54 names are received and allocated to the north, south and west areas of the County.

Harriott honored with Presidents Award



Roger Cross and Desmond Harriott

Palm Beach County Youth for Christ is proud to announce that Desmond Harriott, Glades Area Director for 12 years, won the prestigious "Presidents Award" given to only one Youth for Christ staff employee throughout the entire nation. At the national convention in San Antonio, Texas, Mr. Roger Cross, President of Youth for Christ/USA, presented Mr. Harriott with a plaque honoring his community-wide networking, tireless service, and many youth outreaches he has pioneered in the Glades area.



Ground breaking for Fellowship Hall/Educational Building

On Sunday, February 1, the Canal Point Baptist Church received a special offering for the Building Fund. Their goal was \$75,000 - the amount needed to give them \$85,000 in the building fund. What an exciting day as the congregation gave \$21,398 and pledged \$14,675 for a total of \$36,073. Additional offerings have been received, and some have given toward completing their pledge, so we now have \$31,662.95 in the building fund. As of February 28, the church needs \$38,007.15 to complete their building program for the Fellowship Hall/Educational Building.

Many of you gave sacrificially toward this offering. Some of you gave nothing at all. Some of you gave like those described in Mark 12:41 and some of you gave "the widow's mite" described in verse 42. When we complete our building program, it will

be because each of us gave because we wanted to see this program completed. We will reach our goal and we will see this building completed as soon as the necessary pre-construction work can be completed.

"I am so confident that the monies will come in to complete this addition that we broke ground at Canal Point Baptist Church," says Pastor James A. Bennett.

Tom Willis, Chairman of Trustees; Patricia Ehrhuth, Sunday School Director; James Gibson, long-time member; Rev. J. Richard Heller, Pastor Emeritus (served as pastor almost fifty-five years ago); and Hawk Grammer, Director of Missions for Big Lake Baptist Association turned the first shovels of dirt on the site of our new addition.

Clean up Day around Lake Okeechobee

The Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee Committee has set the date for the 12th annual Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee Clean Up Day. It will be held Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event will begin at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, which is located at 525 Ridgeland Road, Clewiston.

The following activities are planned to take place around Lake Okeechobee:

Litter Bugs Beware: Take pride in our public lands by picking up litter at various locations around the lake. Participants will also have the opportunity to clean up shorelines, recreation areas, roadsides, and parking lots while learning about the importance of responsible stewardship. Transportation will be the responsibility of the group or individual.

Tree Planting: Lend a helping hand to nature by planting trees around the lake. Airboaters and volunteers will be planting Bald Cypress trees in recreation areas and around tree islands. Locations include: Okeechobee, Indian Prairie Canal, Harney Pond Canal, Lake Port, Moore Haven, and

Clewiston.

Wildlife Nesting Box Construction: Take this opportunity to construct wildlife nesting boxes, such as kestrel box, bat box, or Wood Duck box for placement in various locations around the lake. Meet Biologist Sharon Bush and Park Rangers Victor Sabo, Steve Sullivan, and Chad Konickson as they answer questions about the wildlife in this area. The number of volunteers able to participate is limited and participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Osprey Platforms: Assist Biologist Yvonne Haber as she constructs Osprey platforms to be placed along the waterway. She will be available to answer questions about the Osprey, which is also known as the "Fish Eagle." The number of volunteers able to participate is limited and participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Beautification Project: Joint Park Ranger Jason O'Kane and a representative from the City of Clewiston as they pick up litter and paint picnic shelters, grills, signs, and trash cans at the Clewiston City Park. The number of volunteers able to participate is

limited and participation will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Environmental activities: Enjoy the afternoon visiting one of the environmental booths that will be set up. Learn about the management of natural resources and the cultural history of Lake Okeechobee and the surrounding communities.

Registration will take place between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to noon and a lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Clewiston. Afternoon entertainment is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. The event will be highlighted by an awards ceremony from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee Clean Up T-shirts will be on sale for \$8 for adults and \$6 for children throughout the day commemorating the Take Pride in Lake Okeechobee Day event.

Everyone is invited to participate. Pre-registration for groups or individuals is recommended and appreciated. There is no admission fee. Registration forms are available at the South Florida Operations Office.

For more information or to register, please contact Park Ranger Tambour Eller at (941) 983-8101.

U.S. Sugar scholar honored at luncheon

U.S. Sugar Corporation recognized 22 U.S. Sugar Scholars in a program the company established last year for a senior student at each of the 22 Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida.

At an awards luncheon at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Nelson Fairbanks, President of U.S. Sugar, honored the scholarship recipients selected through a program of the Florida Independent College Fund. The scholars were awarded on the basis of academic standing, grad point average and community involvement.

"We are delighted to assist these dedicated and hard-working students in pursuit of their educational and career goals," said Fairbanks. "Support of education is one of our highest achievements through this annual scholarship program."

The Florida Independent College program is only one part of U.S. Sugar's commitment to higher education. The company provides almost \$200,000 annually in scholarships to Florida students.



U.S. Sugar Corporation President and CEO Nelson Fairbanks, right, presents a commemorative certificate to Duana Daniels, a senior student at Palm Beach Atlantic College recipient of a \$300,000 U.S. Sugar scholarship. U.S. Sugar scholars from each of the Florida Independent Colleges and Universities were honored at the March 6 awards luncheon at Nova

ment to higher education. The company provides almost \$200,000 annually in scholarships to Florida students.

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Lake Okeechobee is at the highest level I have ever seen. The weather patterns have continually dumped large amounts of rain on the areas just to the North of the lake. This runoff from these storms has been pushing the lake level towards 19 feet above sea level. Without severe damage to the waters below towards the Gulf of Mexico, it is hard to release enough water down the

Caloosahatchee River to maintain a lower lake level.

This has created an abundance of new areas for the bass to spawn in, with protection from predators and fishermen. The result of the high water should produce great fishing in about two years. The one negative to the inflow of the runoff is that along with the water a considerable amount of nutrients are deposited in the lake. Lake Okeechobee is about to reach its limit in the amount of fertile water that it can sustain without a major lake bloom when the temperatures climb this summer.

In the current time frame the fishing has been slowed somewhat by the high winds, which keep the water very stained from the wave action. The secret to success is to look for those protected areas where the water is still clean. The ongoing spraying of vegetation

on the lake has made it much harder to find clean water.

When you find the cleaner water look for a hard bottom without any old dying vegetation. This is the type of bottom that the bass will spawn on. Fishing jerk bait or small spinner bait over these areas can produce some good fishing. Also, a 10" plastic worm in a June bug color or red shade color will work especially when the wind dies down. Another likely spot is some of the Rim Canal where the current isn't too strong will give up nice fish on crank bait.

The crappie fishing continues to hold at a good level of success. The North Shore is about the best, with minnows and small jigs both producing well. In about another month the shell cracker and bluegill will start spawning with the catch rate increasing very well.

To all a good bite...

The Glades Track Club

Jennie M. Sears
Staff Reporter

This track team keeps on going and going and going...

The girls of the track club participated in the Scott Lakes Invitational at the North Miami Stadium in Miami.

"The girls did very well," said Coach Mike White. "They broke their own records from last year in several different categories."

Geneeka Morris entered the Midget age group which is 11-12 year olds. She came in first place in the following categories: high-jump, jumping 3' 10"; shot put - 24' 10"; beating her record of 20' 2.25" and 1500 meter run, running in 6:10.86 time beating her record of 6:06.84. Geneeka also came in second place in the 80 meter hurdles having a 17:00 minute time.

Anita Perkins came in first place overall. She entered the Youth age group which is the 13-14 year old age group. Anita won in the following categories: high-jump, jumping 4' 10"; beating her record of 4' 9"; long-jump, jumping 14' 9"; 100 meter hurdle in 17.25 time; and 1500 meter run in 5:37.94. Congratulations in your success and good job in representing the Glades athletes.

Outdoors-Woman Workshop slated in Ocala

Women who are interested in acquiring hunting, fishing and outdoor skills through the "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" (BOW) program should contact the Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission (GFC).

The next BOW workshop is set for March 27-29 at the Ocala Youth Camp. The cost is \$100, which includes food and lodging at the camp. The workshop is limited to 100 people.

"The program is primarily for women who want to learn outdoor skills associat-

ed with hunting and fishing, but it includes training that is useful for many other outdoor pursuits," said Lt. Lynne Hawk, assistant administrator of the BOW program.

Participants will be able to choose four of the 18 topics offered and will spend four hours on each topic they choose. Topics include: Introduction to Panfishing, Basic Fly Fishing Techniques, Introduction to Bass Fishing, Canoeing, Deer Hunting Basics, Duck Hunting Techniques, Turkey Hunting Basics,

Introduction to the Shooting Sports, Introduction to Handgun Shooting and Hunting, Developing Archery and Bowhunting Skills, Basic Camping and Backpacking Skills, Outdoor Photography, Bird Watching, Basking in the Woods, Off-Road Cycling, Developing Wilderness Survival Skills, Personal Safety, and Boating Basics.

For a brochure and registration form, contact the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) Ocala Regional Office at (352) 732-1225.

McDonald's host regional promotion

Daytona International Speedway's award-winning "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction," has teamed up with Central Florida McDonald's Restaurants for a promotion to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

This four-week promotion, which encompasses more than 140 restaurant locations in Central Florida and nearly 100 in Jacksonville, will run until March 26. McDonald's customers are encouraged to redeem a DAYTONA USA coupon good for \$2.75 off the regular attraction price, for up to six attraction guests. For each admission redeemed, DAYTONA USA will donate 50 cents to the Ronald McDonald

Houses in Orlando or Gainesville. Coupons will be distributed at each participating McDonald's location - both at the counter and via Drive Thru - and will be valid through August 31, 1998.

The DAYTONA USA show car will make appearances at several of the Orlando area McDonald's locations during the promotion. McDonald's is the official drive-thru and official quick service restaurant of NASCAR.

For more information on the DAYTONA USA Ronald McDonald House promotion, call (904) 947-6762. For information on DAYTONA USA, call (904) 947-6800.

Rob Niedermayer launches "Robbie's Kids"

Several area youngsters will get an opportunity to see the Panthers play, courtesy of Panthers center Rob Niedermayer. This week a program began called "Robbie's Kids," which is designed to provide a little enjoyment for children in need. Each month, Niedermayer will purchase 15 tickets to a Panthers home game and donate them to a worthy organiza-

tion. In connection with the program, the kids will receive Niedermayer T-shirts and photos.

"It feels good to give something back to the community," said Niedermayer. "I'm happy that a lot of these kids will get a chance to see their first hockey game, courtesy of Robbie's Kids."

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Radica donates fishing games to the GFC

Radica Games Limited has donated 125 of their popular Bass Fishing games to the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC).

"These games will help excite kids about the fun of fishing and the great outdoors and will stimulate their interest in conserving Florida's aquatic habitats," said Bob Wattendorf of the GFC's Division of Fisheries.

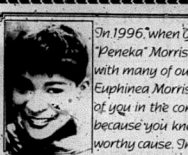
Radica's Bass Fishing game was one of the top selling products in the U.S. toy industry last year. The game features motion technology that allows the player to use the game as a rod and reel. The player casts, feels the fish bite, sets the hook, and reels in the fish

with a reel handle. More advanced features allow the player to position his boat relative to the wind, and select lure types and colors to be more effective, given prevailing conditions.

The GFC plans to use the games as educational tools in each of the four urban pond fishing clinic programs and at the Joe Budd Environmental Education Center near Tallahassee.

"The games will be used in conjunction with aquatic education programs that teach kids the importance of a healthy aquatic environment and their role as stewards of these resources," Wattendorf said.

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In 1996, when God took our beloved Euphinea "Peneka" Morris, we, her family, came together with many of our friends and established the Euphinea Morris Memorial Scholarship. Many of you in the community gave from the heart because you knew that this would be a most worthy cause. In honor of her birthday, we are now establishing another campaign and hope that the community, our family and friends, will once again help us in our efforts to endow this scholarship fund. Interested persons can deposit directly at First Union National Bank, Belle Glade, or call Mrs. Shirley V. Morris at 896-8435 or Maude Vereen at 996-2340.

1998 Winston Cup Schedule

Date:	Race/Location:	Television:	Starting time:
March 22	Transouth Financial 400, Darlington, SC	ESPN	1 p.m.
March 29	Fox City 500, Bristol, TN	ESPN	1:10 p.m.
April 5	Texas 500, Fort Worth, TX	CBS	1 p.m.
April 19	Goody's Headache Powder 500, Martinsville, VA	ESPN	1 p.m.
April 26	Diehard 500, Talladega, Ala.	ABC	Noon
May 3	California 500, Fontana, CA	ESPN	11 a.m.
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, NC	TBS	6:15 p.m.
May 31	MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del.	TNN	12:10 p.m.
June 6	Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, VA	ESPN	7:40 p.m.
June 14	Miller Lite 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	CBS	1 p.m.
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, PA	TNN	1 p.m.
June 28	Save Mart/Kragen 350, Sonoma, CA	ESPN	1:10 p.m.
July 4	PEPSI 400, Daytona Beach, FL	CBS	8 p.m.
July 12	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, NH	TNN	1 p.m.
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, PA	TBS	1 p.m.

Caution boaters using Pearce Canal

Due to the continuing high lake levels of Lake Okeechobee, boaters are advised to use caution when navigating near the lake opening of the Pearce Canal. The Pearce Canal runs southeast from S-127 in Buckhead Ridge to the open waters of Lake Okeechobee. Years ago, wood pilings (debris barrier) were put in place near the lake opening of the canal to prevent floating vegetation from entering. The pilings have the potential to become submerged during high water elevations making them difficult

for boaters to see.

Boaters are further advised to use caution when navigating other areas of Lake Okeechobee since navigational aids, markers and other obstructions could be partially submerged.

Additional information

regarding the Pearce Canal pilings may be obtained by contacting Biologist Sharon Bush at (941) 983-8101 or writing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Operations Office, 529 Ridgeland Road, Clewiston, FL, 33440.

University of Miami Baseball

U Hurricanes

MARCH SCHEDULE

March 1	UM vs. Univ. of Texas	1:00 p.m.
March 6,7,8	BellSouth/Hurricane Diamond Classic	
March 6	Furman vs. Illinois	1:00 p.m.
	Furman vs. FIU	4:30 p.m.
	UM vs. Illinois	8:00 p.m.
March 7	UM vs. Furman	1:00 p.m.
	Illinois vs. FIU	4:30 p.m.
	FIU vs. UM	8:00 p.m.
March 8	Consolation Game	10:00 a.m.
	Championship Game	1:30 p.m.
March 13	UM vs. Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
March 14	UM vs. Rutgers	7:00 p.m.
March 15	UM vs. Rutgers	1:00 p.m.
March 17	UM vs. Vermont	7:00 p.m.
March 18	UM vs. Iowa	7:00 p.m.
March 20	UM vs. No. Carolina	7:00 p.m.
March 21	UM vs. No. Carolina	7:00 p.m.
March 22	UM vs. No. Carolina	1:00 p.m.
March 25	UM vs. Drexel	7:00 p.m.
	at Homestead Sports Complex	
	Tickets through ticketmaster	
March 27	UM vs. Harvard	7:00 p.m.
March 28	UM vs. Harvard	7:00 p.m.
March 29	UM vs. Harvard	1:00 p.m.

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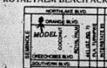
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U.S. Sugar wins Safety Council's awards

A safety awards program, sponsored by the Safety Council of Palm Beach County, Inc. has recognized the achievements of local companies in employee safety programs. United States Sugar Corporation received four awards from a total of 41 presented during the awards ceremony Feb. 12 at the Kravis Center in Palm Beach.

With 300 members, the Safety Council of Palm Beach County is a chapter of the National Safety Council. Achievement awards were presented in 13 industry categories.

United States Sugar Corporation

received four awards: fleet safety, agricultural division, water treatment/utilities department, and Southern Gardens Citrus Processing subsidiary. "The company is pro-active in employee health and safety, but the real credit goes to employees who are the ones that make the programs work. There is weekly participation in safety meetings, on-going training, inspection programs and specific safety measures adopted in every division of the company," says Peter Briggs, vice president, Compliance and Programs.

U.S. Sugar's Agriculture

Department received an award for an exceptional 1.75 million man-hours without a lost time accident in 1997. Its lost time incident rate of 0.34 compared to 3.4 nationally. U.S. Sugar recorded 6.64 OSHA injuries, as compared to a national average of 10.4 reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The improved safety record is attributed to comprehensive safety training programs, weekly safety meetings, equipment inspections, and pesticide handling and reduction techniques.

Recipient of the fleet safety award, U.S. Sugar in 1997 recorded only 3.7 collisions per million miles driven. A leading cause of fatal occupational injury, the national average collision rate is 10.6 for trucks and 12.24 for cars, according to National Safety Council figures. The driver safety programs operating at U.S. Sugar include safety awareness training for all vehicle operators; CDL license, written and driving skills test, annual refresher training programs; mandatory seat belt usage; pre-employment and random drug testing; routine vehicle maintenance; accident investigation of all collisions; and the establishment of safety rules and procedures for all operators in the fields.

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will be held Saturday, March 21 at the Belle Glade Golf Course. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and tee-off time is 9 a.m. The game is a scramble format. Advance sign up is required so those interested should call the golf course office at 996-6605 to register.

Records from the 1997 Southern Gardens Citrus Processing was recognized for its achievement in lowering its rate of OSHA recordable incidents to 9.14 during 1997. The industry's national average was 16.3. Southern Gardens team approach to safety includes employee participation in environmental and safety coordination meetings, near miss reporting, monthly behavioral and facility evaluations, and emergency response team training.

Recording almost 14 years without a lost-time accident and 31 months without recordable injury, U.S. Sugar's Water

Treatment Plant and Utilities Division was honored by the Palm Beach Safety Council's First Annual Safety Awards. Meeting a total demand in excess of three million gallons per day, the plant provides service to the City of Clewiston, the South Shore Water District and adjacent rural areas as well as to U.S. Sugar.

An employee-owned company with more than 3,000 employees, U.S. Sugar Corporation conducts intensive health and safety training programs throughout its sugar cane harvesting and milling operations and citrus harvesting and processing facilities.

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East Main Street and Lake Avenue at 7 a.m. Participants are asked to bring any tools, brooms, dust pans and cleaning supplies they might want to use.

Citizens unable to attend are urged to make an extra effort to clean around their home and/or business, edge their yard and sweep sidewalks.

"We want our city to look great for 'I Love Pahokee' day on Saturday, March 28," said Pahokee Main Street Coordinator Shirley Jarrell.

Tickets still available for 'I Love Pahokee'

It's not too late for anyone who hasn't purchased their tickets for the 'Low Country Boil' (including shrimp, vegetables and seasonings) or the fish fry tickets for the March 28 'I Love Pahokee' day.

Volunteers are sought for servers and cooks or to sell tickets. Call the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce at 924-5579 to make reservations and volunteer.

The dinners will be served from 11:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Benefit for AIDS victims is Friday

The Eleventh Annual AIDS Benefit, sponsored by the AIDS Coalition of the Glades and the Glades Central Community High School Thespian Society will be Friday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Funds will benefit HIV and AIDS clinics in the Glades.

For more information, call Sandra Daniels at 996-6193 or Elsie Singletary at 924-9237.

Community invited to help in gleaming 1998

The community is invited to participate in Gleaming 1998. Over one million pounds of produce has been donated for harvesting in the Glades and helpers are needed to help gather the produce for the needy. Last year, 150 volunteers picked 44,000 pounds of fresh corn in four hours.

The gleaming will be Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a corn roast on the lake.

Families, churches, synagogues, neighbors, coworkers

and friends (10 years old and older) are needed to harvest corn in Belle Glade. Your help will mean fresh vegetables for hungry people in South Florida.

For more information, questions or to sign up, please call (305) 633-9861 ext. F25.

American Red Cross Country Music Festival

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross will host a Country Music Festival starring Nashville recording artists Bart Roy and John Hornsby and also featuring Jake Murphy, Phil Eddings and the Redwings on Saturday, March 28. The event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Clewiston Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

For more information, contact the West County branch of the Red Cross at 992-9703. Proceeds will benefit the Western Palm Beach County and the Hendry County Service Centers.

GDS Golf Tournament

The Ninth Annual Glades Day School Golf Tournament

Sportsman's Flea Market and Airboat & Swamp Buggy Show

The annual Sportsman's Flea Market and Airboat & Swamp Buggy Show will be Sunday, March 29 at the South Florida Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Presented by the Airboat and Halftrack Conservation Club of Palm Beach County, Inc., the event will include barbecue and hot dogs, drinks, drawings and kids entertainment.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 12 are free.

For more information call Alan Palmer at 561-846-4418 or Walt Brandon at 561-683-0948.

Gospel Explosion added to Afro Arts Festival

The first Gospel Explosion will be part of the Afro Arts Festival on Thursday, March

19 at 7 p.m. at the Pahokee High School Auditorium.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the McKnight Achievement - Pahokee High and the Euphinea Morris Memorial Scholarship fund. Admission to the Gospel Explosion is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Saturday, March 21 the parade will line up at 11 a.m. at Lake Shore Middle and the festival will be from noon to 7 p.m. at Lake Shore Park.

Free smoke detectors

Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Departments have a number of smoke detectors they will be giving away to residents.

Belle Glade Fire Chief Steve Rice and Pahokee Fire Chief Gary Burroughs said the detectors are free to anyone who does not currently have smoke detectors, particularly low income and elderly residents in the city. Fire personnel will install the alarms and will also perform a complimentary home safety survey while they are there.

Call Pahokee Fire Rescue at 924-2424 to set up an appointment with Fire Chief Burroughs or in Belle Glade Call

Lt. Hamilton at 996-2032.

Activities for seniors open and free

Glades residents 65 years old and older are invited to participate in activities held daily at the West County Senior Citizen Center, 2916 St. Road 15, Belle Glade.

Administrator Effie McNair said many fun activities are scheduled for the participants, including a birthday cake and punch party held the last Friday of each month. Other activities include weekly movies, monthly trips to the mall, and craft classes. Fire prevention and safety classes can be held in Seniors' homes and free blood pressure screening is offered.

For more information or transportation, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808.

Low cost equipment and engine repair

The Diesel Mechanics class at West Technical Education Center is offering low cost, engine and equipment repair to Glades residents. For more information, call the school at 996-4930 and ask for Mr. Moya.



"Committed to a Partnership with the Community"

The Belle Glade Police Department will be implementing a city-wide "Citizen Observer Patrol".

In order for this Program to be Successful, Volunteers are needed.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for:

April 2, 1998 at 7 p.m.

**Belle Glade City Hall
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Information needed to register for the program:

1. **Your original Social Security Card.** (Has a seal and your signature)

If you do not have a Social Security card, go to the Social Security office and apply for one and obtain a receipt. The receipt will be accepted for processing. There will be no exceptions.

2. **Bring your Drivers License, or a Florida ID with Photograph.** If you do not have one, you may obtain one at any Motor Vehicle License Office.

3. **If you are a Naturalized Citizen,** you must bring your naturalization papers with you.

4. In order to become a C.O.P. Member, it is required that you reside in Palm Beach County for a minimum of nine months of the year and be willing to serve at least three hours per week.

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reason why 80 or 85 percent of the students can't be at grade level."

She said there have been a lot of changes made at Rosenwald, both because a new principal always makes changes and because of the state mandate that the school districts take steps to improve the critical schools.

The school has put the focus on the basics: reading, writing and math. Due to the "critical" status, the state has waived the requirement for the schools to teach other subjects. Science and Social Studies are only taught as part of the language arts classes.

"There's a lot of pushing the

students to do more," said the principal.

She said the teachers have also had to rethink the way they teach.

"In the past, a teacher's classroom was like their private world," said Ms. Terembes. "Now the teachers for each grade level plan together."

She said unlike some of the other Glades schools, Rosenwald has little teacher turnover. She said her staff is hard-working and dedicated.

"I feel like they are good teachers," she said. "I don't feel what they have been doing in the past is wrong. It just didn't work with this set of kids."

She said the teachers have

had to adapt their instructional methods and their attitudes. Changes and additions have been made in the reading, writing and math classes.

"The school district is also providing us with a support team," she said. "They pull students out of class and work with them one-on-one." She said this helps the students who are having particular difficulties with class work and also helps the teachers by allowing them to concentrate on the remaining students.

Family and community involvement is also part of the school improvement plan.

The school has opened a parent resource center to get the

parents more involved in their children's education.

Through the Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters, parent educators go into the homes of three- and four-year-olds to help the parents get the students ready for school.

"We have to get people out of the mindset that education is just the job of the school," said Principal Terembes. "It's the job of the entire community."

She said the South Bay city government and officials have been supportive of the changes and the new programs at the school.

Like many Glades area schools, Rosenwald must deal with the problem of mis-

grant students who may not start school until November and then leave as early as April. Migrant students make up approximately 28 percent of the Rosenwald student body. Most of these migrant families spend part of the year in Florida and part in Texas. Principal Terembes said they were fortunate that the school in Texas has sent school personnel to visit Rosenwald.

The two schools are now working together to keep the students on track.

"These kids go back and forth to the same areas," she said. "We share these same students."

I wish we could take credit for it, but the Texas school contact-

ed us." She said the teachers and the students at Rosenwald are working as a team to improve the school. The students don't like the stigma of being on "the list," any more than the teachers or parents do, she said. Everyone is anxious about this year's test scores. The students took the Florida Writes test in February and will take the 1998 California Test of Basic Skills (CTBS) in Reading and Math in April.

Principal Terembes said she knows the students are improving. "I can look at the fourth graders writing from August and see where it is now," she said. "You would think it came from two different sets of kids."

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their job, the principal has a process now from the state," she said. "If a teacher is not producing by the 97th day, they can be dismissed."

She said school board committees are also working on changes to the teacher evaluation system.

Jeanette Dexter, currently a resource teacher at Belle Glade Elementary, has worked as a recruiter for the Glades area schools.

"The principals on the coast have more options," she said. "Lots of people want to work there. We don't always have an option."

Mrs. Dexter, who lives in Belle Glade, said she loves the community and has no desire to live on the coast.

"You won't find better people anywhere," she said.

Still, she understands why young teachers are hesitant to move to the small agricultural community.

"It's not so easy convincing young teachers to move here," she said, noting the lack of social activities and shopping facilities.

Even if a new teacher wants to live in Belle Glade, he or she may not be able to.

"Finding a place to live here is next to impossible," she said.

"One thing about the Glades no one can change: There is 40 miles between here and anywhere," said Gove Elementary School Principal Margarita Pinks.

"It's hard to attract and keep

good teachers," she said.

In low socio-economic schools, you don't leave at 3 p.m. Come here at 5 p.m. and you'll see the parking lot is still full. That's what it requires. You need to put in the extra time," Mrs. Pinks said.

Travel time to Belle Glade adds about two hours to the work day.

"You would think it would cost less to live here, but that isn't true. Housing is not inexpensive here. And you have to drive to an hour to go to the movies," she said.

The Palm Beach County School Board pays teachers an extra \$2,000 a year for travel expenses to the Glades.

When you consider the travel

time, and the automobile expenses, it doesn't help that much, say school officials.

"\$2,000 is not much considering gas, wear and tear on your car plus two hours extra a day of your time," said Mrs. Pinks.

"When teachers have a family, it becomes an issue of being an hour away from their children. If a child gets sick in the middle of the day, the parent does not want to be an hour's drive away," Mrs. Pinks continued.

Then you have to consider all the activities the teachers' own children are involved in, she said. It's only natural for teachers to look for jobs closer to their homes when they can.

The distance of the schools from the more populated coastal areas and the extra

travel time added to and from work each day also makes it more difficult for teachers to continue their own education.

It's more difficult for them to pursue the masters or specialist degrees important for career advancement.

"We have some wonderfully dedicated people," said Mrs. Pinks, but not enough.

"We need to create a situation in which the low socio-economic schools have the pick of the best teachers," she said.

Ted Gallo, a member of the School Advisory Committee for Pahokee High School, said in the past "teacher dumping" was a problem in the Glades. The worst teachers in the system would wind up in the Glades schools. He said stricter teacher standards and a con-

sistent effort by the Palm Beach County School Board to improve the Glades schools have helped.

He said the new teacher evaluation system should also help weed out the ineffective teachers.

At Rosenwald Elementary, Principal Barbara Terembes said they have been fortunate in having little turnover with staff. Recently, though, veteran teachers have had to rethink their teaching methods.

Some traditional teaching methods, "just don't work with this set of kids at this time," she said. "We have to change the way we teach."

She said two-thirds of the Rosenwald teachers drive an hour or more to work.

Farm Bureau protests "No Vote, No Voice" legislation

Florida Farm Bureau Federation is among the organizations that make up "No Vote, No Voice," a broad-based group

that supports retaining the state's current elected cabinet system. "No Vote, No Voice" includes agriculturists, foresters,

consumer advocates, business people and environmentalists. The Constitution Revision Commission is considering placing on the November ballot two measures that would replace the current seven elected Cabinet officers with a triumvirate consisting of the governor, an elected attorney general and a chief fiscal officer.

"The elected cabinet system is the nation's premier example of democratic principles in action," said Scottie Butler, FFBB general counsel. "Every two weeks, our current system allows any citizen to directly address the officials who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of the government. It is the ultimate example of direct democracy and Government in the Sunshine and because they are elected, the Cabinet members respond to the will of the people."

The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services is one of the cabinet seats that would be eliminated under the measures being considered by the Constitution Revision Commission. Under the proposed amendments, the governor would appoint a state board of agriculture who would, in turn, appoint the Commissioner of Agriculture.

In addition to the authority to support and protect Florida's diverse agriculture industry, the constitution charges the agriculture commissioner with assuring fairness in the marketplace and protecting consumers from fraud and sharp practices.

The group maintains it is important for consumers to continue to elect their official watch-dog. The elected commissioner is also a voice for rural Florida. They say despite the state's continuing urban population growth, people who live in rural areas remain a vital part of the Florida community. The rural segment of our population must not be overlooked.

Farm Bureau believes consumers and agriculturists alike are best served by an elected Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.



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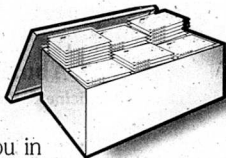
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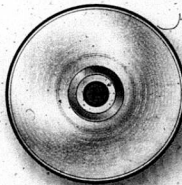
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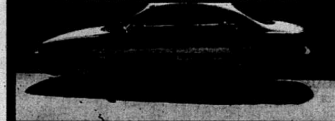
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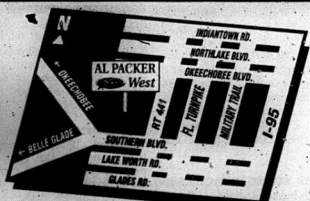
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